

Richland County

Health and Human Services

Randy Jacquet, Director

June 15th, 2006

Helene Nelson, Secretary
State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services
1 West Wilson Street
PO Box 7850
Madison, WI 53707-7850

Dear Secretary Nelson:

The Southwest Care Management Coalition values stakeholder involvement in the expansion of managed care in Southwest Wisconsin. We have developed a comprehensive work plan (Attached) in which one activity is to develop a work group to meet the contract deliverables of assessing current stakeholder involvement, developing methods to educate and inform the stakeholders, and identifying and developing a process for stakeholders to have meaningful input into the expansion planning.

A formal agenda is created for each meeting and a standard agenda item is "Citizen Input." We have three representatives from our Independent Living Center attend our Coalition meetings. In addition, the Coalition has established a Communications Work Group and the Work Group has met via phone conference formally on two different occasions. The Charter for the Work Group is attached as well as minutes from the first meeting (the second meeting minutes have not been formally approved). As the Charter states, the Work Group is charged with creating a comprehensive written plan on how to assess stakeholder involvement and is targeted to complete the plan for the Coalition's approval at our next meeting on July 20th.

We have had preliminary contact with Mary Brintnall Peterson from UW Extension and also with Phil Davis from TMG to also explore ways to bring additional expertise in stakeholder involvement to our planning process.

Once we have an established, approved work plan, I will forward that on to you as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Teri Buross,
Project Manager for the SWCMC

Attachments

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